



Charting the Course to 2025: The County of York Comprehensive Plan Review Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Meeting Notice

York County Environmental & Development Services Building
105 Service Drive, Yorktown
Wednesday, July 20, 2005
6:00 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Draft Comprehensive Plan

The draft *Comprehensive Plan* (including a hard copy and a CD-ROM) was distributed to the Steering Committee members on Thursday, July 14 and was posted on the project web site for public review on Monday, July 18. Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss any proposed revisions or corrections to the draft plan. The Committee will need to decide if the document needs further work or is ready to be forwarded, with whatever revisions are necessary, to the Planning Commission for its review.

3. Project Schedule – Next Steps

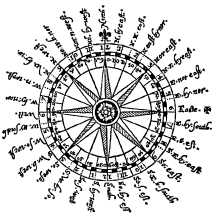
The need to schedule another meeting will depend on the number and extent of revisions to the document recommended by the Committee. The Planning Commission has tentatively scheduled a work session for August 3 in the event that the draft plan is ready for its review by then, but that can easily be rescheduled if necessary.

4. Other

5. Adjourn

Attachments:

- Meeting Notes of June 27, 2005
- Meeting Notes of June 29, 2005



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Members Present: Nick Barba, Ken Bowman, Jack Christie, Jack Davis, Carole Ferro, A. T. Hamilton, Al Ptasznik, Ralph Smith

Staff Present: Mark Carter, Tim Cross, Amy Parker, Earl Anderson

Chairman Barba called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He commented that he feels the draft *Comprehensive Plan* dated July 14, 2005 is well done, and he suggested that the Committee discuss one element of the plan at a time. In addition to assorted typographical, formatting, and scrivener's errors, the following changes were discussed.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

On the recommendation of Mr. Smith, Detention and Law Enforcement Strategy #1 was revised to delete references to specific geographical areas of the County as being potential sites for satellite Sheriff's offices.

ENVIRONMENT

Ms. Ferro questioned whether 78° is the correct average July temperature. Mr. Cross responded that he would check on it.

Mr. Bowman suggested that the York Point area be specifically referenced in the discussion of areas where shoreline erosion is a concern.

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Smith questioned whether or not Strategy #16 adequately addresses the need for better crash data and analysis. Mr. Cross noted that the County is reliant on data from the Sheriff's Office and engineering expertise from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, which is why the strategy is worded the way it is.

Mr. Smith suggested that a strategy be added to address the need for street lighting not just for traffic purposes but also safety and security. By consensus the Committee agreed to add such a strategy.

Mr. Ptasznik noted that several tables and figures in the element are not specifically referenced in the text and he recommended that references be added.

Mr. Smith recommended that Objective #2 be amended to establish Level of Service B as the minimum desirable standard for secondary roads rather than Level of Service C.

In reference to Strategy #22, Mr. Smith commented that it should not be construed to indicate that the County would take a lead role in dredging navigable waterways, which is primarily a state or federal responsibility and extremely difficult and costly.

LAND USE

Mr. Davis expressed his concern that the plan is not strong enough in recommending that the County actively purchase property for adaptive reuse. He noted that this will require a significant infusion of County funds and that the current funding is not adequate. After discussion, the Committee decided to either revise Land Use Strategy #28 or add a new strategy specifying that the County should establish a dedicated funding source and do so by Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Mr. Ptasznik noted that the Committee had spent a lot of time discussing mixed-use development, and he asked the members if they are satisfied with the way the mixed-use concept is articulated in the plan. Mr. Bowman responded that he feels the plan's discussion of mixed-use accurately reflects the Committee's intent but that it probably will not satisfy residents of the Skimino area where the draft plan proposes a Mixed-Use overlay designation. The consensus of the Committee was that the description of the mixed-use concept is adequate as is.

Mr. Davis expressed concern about Strategy #21, which recommends that expansion of deep-water ports be discouraged and could potentially preclude Giant Industries from expanding its operations. The strategy was deleted by consensus.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Barba noted that this would be the Committee's last meeting, almost a year to the day after the Committee's kick-off meeting on July 22, 2004. He commented that he had enjoyed working with everyone on this project, thanked the Committee members and staff for their work, and invited everyone to a celebratory cookout at his home in August. Other Committee members expressed their thanks to Chairman Barba and to one another, and Mr. Carter congratulated the members for a job well done.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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